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28 August 2003

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, Committee on  
Armed Service  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This updates two Reports to Congress on Processing of Reports of Promotion Selection Boards as required by Senate Report 105-189.

Processing of the FY-04 Active Rear Admiral Line Promotion Selection Board report exceeded 160 days on August 28, 2003. The board report has been in the Office of the Secretary of Defense since July 14, 2003, and is currently being reviewed by the DoD General Counsel's office. It is estimated that the board will be approved in September 2003, but I cannot provide a precise date.

Processing of the FY-04 Active Lieutenant Commander Staff Corps Promotion Selection Board report will exceed 130 days on 8 September 2003 if not approved prior to that date. The board report has been in the Office of the Secretary of Defense since August 18, 2003. It is estimated that the board will be approved in early September 2003.

A similar letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hansford T. Johnson".

Hansford T. Johnson  
Secretary of the Navy  
Acting

Copy to:  
The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member